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FILE: EDS-84(23) & BHN-007-3(25)
Clinch & Ware Counties
PI #'s 422120 & 422125
US84/SR38 Widening

OFFICE: Program Delivery

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FROM: Bobby K. Hilliard, P.E., State Program Delivery Engineer

Bobby Hilliard

TO: Ronald E. Wishon, Project Review Engineer

ATTN: Lisa Myers

SUBJECT Value Engineering Implementation Revision Request

This office requests a Value Engineering (VE) Study Implementation Revision on the above noted projects. The VE Implementation letter was sent to your office on October 24, 2007.

This office requests to revise the implementation of alternative No. 25. This alternative recommended using a multi-use path on one side of US84 in urban sections for bicycle traffic. This route has been identified as a bike route in the Southeast Georgia Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan. This plan specifically calls for bicycle accommodations designed for experienced cyclists who need on-road facilities, namely paved shoulders in rural areas and bike lanes in urban areas. Multi-use paths are in conflict with this need, as they are appropriate for inexperienced, slow-moving cyclists. Adding bike lanes to the urban sections will bring the roadway project into compliance with the regional bike plan.

Therefore, this office proposes the urban typical section to consist of bike lanes and sidewalk, of standard widths, in both directions. This will eliminate the multi-use path from this project entirely.

Additionally, forcing bicyclists to cross the mainline to access the multi-use path decreases safety for the cycling public who hope to use this corridor. This movement, where cyclists must turn across traffic, is the most common location for cyclist collisions and every multi-use path creates two additional intersections for cyclists to navigate. Placing bike lanes will improve safety and provide continuity to this corridor as a bicycle route.

If you have any questions about this request or need additional information please contact the project manager, Jeremy Busby, at 404-631-1154.

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Project Review Engineer

7/13/09
Date

Concur: De Ann R.
Chief Engineer

7/15/09
Date

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